

REMARKS

Claims 1-59 are pending in the application. Claims 3, 6, 7, 20, 31, 34, 35 and 50 have been deemed allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 8-19, 21-30, 32, 33, 36-49, and 51-59 have been rejected.

Claim 3 has been amended to include the limitations of base claim 1, so claim 3 as amended should be allowable, as the Examiner points out on page 2 of the Office Action. Claim 1 has been canceled without prejudice. Claims 2 and 14-17 have been amended to depend from allowable claim 3, so those claims should also be allowable. Claims 4-13 already depend from allowable base claim 3, so those claims should also be allowable.

Claim 20 has been amended to include the limitations of base claim 18, so claim 20 as amended should be allowable, as the Examiner points out on page 2 of the Office Action. Claim 18 has been canceled without prejudice. Claims 19, 21 and 23-26 have been amended to depend from allowable claim 20, so those claims should also be allowable. Claim 22 depends from now allowable claim 21, so claim 22 should also be allowable.

Claim 31 has been amended to include the limitations of base claim 27, so claim 31 as amended should be allowable, as the Examiner points out on page 2 of the Office Action. Claim 27 has been canceled without prejudice. Claims 28-30 and 42-46 have been amended to depend from allowable claim 31, so those claims should also be allowable. Claims 32-41 already depend from allowable base claim 31, so those claims should also be allowable.

Claim 50 has been amended to include the limitations of base claim 47, so claim 50 as amended should be allowable, as the Examiner points out on page 2 of the Office Action. Claim 47 has been canceled without prejudice. Claims 48, 49, 52-54 and 57-59 have been amended to depend from allowable claim 50, so those claims should also be allowable. Claim 51 depends from allowable base claim 50, and claims 55 and 56 depend from allowable base claim 54, so those claims should also be allowable.

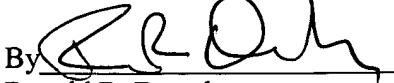
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In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance. Please charge any fees not covered or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 08-0219.

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